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REMARKS

25X1 1. The following air activity was observed at Alt Loennewitz airfield

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25X1 There was no air activity over the field.

25X1 A biplane was observed aloft between 3:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. Eighteen

25X1 twin-engine aircraft in formation, crossed over the field at 4:50 p.m.

25X1 Ground attack aircraft were observed aloft in the afternoon.

Between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m., flying was practiced by several twin-engine

Between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., local individual flights were made by Li-2s. There were no clouds.

25X1 . Between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., no air activity was observed.

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2. The following observations were made at the field 25X1

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25X1 . Individual flights by Li-2s were made throughout the day. The weather was cloudless. Night flying by individual aircraft was started at 6:30 p.m. and still continued at 11 p.m.

25X1 There was foggy weather up to 9:30 a.m. Subsequently, the weather was hazy with a medium degree of visibility. Between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., local individual flights were made by Li-2s, . An average of 25X1 3 or 4 aircraft were simultaneously aloft.

25X1 No air activity was observed. There was foggy weather.

25X1 Between 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., individual flights were made by Li-2s. Source observed twice that a formation of 6 Il-10s was aloft. Between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., the noise of jet aircraft was heard from the Elbe River. An element of two MiG-15s crossed over the field at about 2 p.m. The weather was fair.

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25X1 [redacted] The weather was foggy in the morning and lightly cleared up in the afternoon. Local individual flights by Li-2s were made throughout the day. Individual Li-2s practiced night flying after 6:30 p.m.

25X1 [redacted] Between 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., individual flights were made by Li-2s which remained aloft for 25 to 35 minutes. Around noon, the noise of MiG-15s was heard from the Elbe River.[1]

3. All previously observed temporary buildings in the eastern flying lane of the field were still available. A mast antenna and a wire antenna were observed next to a temporary building, about 8 meters long, 500 to 600 meters west of the railroad line. No additional radio installations were observed in the western and southern sections of the field nor was it determined by source whether the Beiersdorf radio installation was still in existence.[2] All guard bunkers in the eastern section of the field were vacated [redacted] These 25X1 bunkers had been occupied during the period when a swept-back jet fighter unit had been stationed at the field.

4. Four gun barrels were identified in the AA gun emplacement on the southern edge of the field. Five trucks were permanently parked at the water pump.[3] 25X1

5. Since the arrival at the airfield of the Li-2 unit, conspicuously many Soviet women in uniforms have been observed particularly in Falkenberg. [redacted]
25X1 [redacted] the Soviet soldiers were restricted to quarters, probably because 25X1 of the previously reported poor discipline towards the German population.

6. During air-to-ground firing by swept-back jet fighters in Belgern, [redacted] a section of a feed belt was dropped [redacted] 25X1 25X1

[redacted]

25X1 1. [redacted] Comment. Alt Loennewitz airfield is occupied by a ground attack regiment and a transport regiment. Aircraft of the ground attack regiment participated in maneuvers in Thuringia held by the Eighth Gds Army [redacted] 25X1
25X1 [redacted]

25X1 2. [redacted] Comment. The inner low frequency beacon is located in the eastern extension of the runway west of the Roederau-Falkenberg railroad line. The PKV-45 DF station formerly located in the flying lane, had been taken along to Schkeuditz by the ground attack regiment during its temporary transfer. The outer low frequency beacon was located near Beiersdorf.

25X1 3. [redacted] Comment. The AA gun emplacement has been reported several times. 25X1

25X1 4. [redacted] Comment. The section of the feed belt [redacted] belongs to a model N-37, 37-mm cannon mounted on MiG-15s. Its design exactly corresponds to the previously known feed belt sections for 23-mm ammunition. Noteworthy is the tight grip around the cartridges which requires the use of a belt loading machine. 25X1

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